



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MINUTES

COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Civic Center Plaza
1200 Third Avenue, Floor 9, Suite 924
San Diego, CA 92101
Thursday, March 3, 2011
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PAC Members Present

Victoria Reed
Mathieu Gregoire
Joanne Hayakawa
Roman de Salvo
Vernon Franck
Constance Y. White
Kevin deFreitas

PAC Members Absent

Larry Baza
Lillian Perry

Commission Staff Present

Victoria L. Hamilton
Dana Springs
Nigel Brookes

PAC Ex Officio Members Present

Kim Duclo
Chris Jones for Nancy Lytle
Nazie Mansury

PAC Ex Officio Members Absent

Alissa Gabriel
Michelle Abella-Shon
Lucy Contreras
Alex Garcia
Michael Marks
Teresa Millette
Bobbi Salvini
Yvonne Wise

I. Call to Order & Welcome New Members

The Public Art Committee (PAC) of the City of San Diego (City) Commission for Arts and Culture's (Commission) was called to order by Victoria Reed at 12:05 p.m.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

III. Chair's Report

1. Commission News – Reed reported that the Commission held a retreat and discussed positioning and advocacy strategies for the Fiscal Year 2012 budget season.

Reed reported that the Commission unanimously passed a motion to: 1) recommend support of the Mayor's proposal to suspend Council Policy 900-11 and the Budget and Finance Committee's motion that CP 900-11 be forwarded to the Commission for review and recommendation for possible amendments; 2) recommend that Commission staff analyze the effectiveness of CP 900-11 and report the findings to the Commission and City Council within the next six months; 3) recommend that the public art projects for the New Central Library be exempt from suspension on the grounds that the New Central Library is a region-wide asset, the funding for the public art comes from the private donations, not the General Fund, and the public art was specified in winning applications for grants from the California State Library Office of Library Construction and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Reed reported that the Library Commission passed a similar motion regarding the public art at the New Central Library.

IV. **ACTION – February 3, 2011 Minutes**

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

V. **ACTION – Restoration Plan for Aztec Brewery Rathskeller Art & Artifacts Collection**

Dana Springs, Robert Chavez and Sam Johnson presented a briefing on the proposed plan to conserve, restore and install, within the Mercado del Barrio development, selected pieces of the Aztec Brewery Rathskeller collection of art and artifacts, which have been in storage at expense to the Commission for more than 20 years. Constance Y. White made a motion to acknowledge that the PAC has no knowledge of other Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant applications which support public art, but to recommend to the Commission support the plan for the Aztec Brewery Rathskeller collection as outlined in the CDBG grant application submitted by the City's Redevelopment Division. Mathieu Gregoire seconded the motion. During discussion, the PAC requested that the Redevelopment Agency staff provide opportunities for the PAC to give feedback on the progress of the project design. It was stated that an endorsement of the project concept does not necessarily constitute an endorsement of the end result. The vote was 7-0-0.

Yea: Reed, de Salvo, Franck, White, Gregoire, deFreitas, Hayakawa (7)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

Absent: Baza, Perry (2)

Mathieu Gregoire left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

VI. **ACTION – Civic Enhancement Fund Expenditure Policy**

Dana Springs presented a draft of the proposed policy. The PAC discussed the item.

Roman de Salvo made a motion to recommend to the Commission approval of the policy in concept. Vernon Franck seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0-0.

Yea: Reed, de Salvo, Franck, White, deFreitas, Hayakawa (6)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

Absent: Baza, Perry, Gregoire (3)

VII. Staff Reports

1. Americans for the Arts Annual Conference & Public Art Pre-Conference - Springs shared details about the schedule, venues, speakers and programming for the public art pre-conference.
2. Other Reports – Springs reported that the staff of the General Services Administration (GSA) had conducted a site visit to inventory the artworks owned by the GSA but in the custody of the City.

VIII. Member Reports

None.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.